

# REMEMBERING 9/11

## Selected resources for the roots of terrorism

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**T**wo hijacked airliners crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Soon thereafter, the Pentagon was struck by a third hijacked plane. A fourth hijacked plane, suspected to be bound for a high-profile target in Washington, crashed into a field in southern Pennsylvania.

More than 5,000 U.S. citizens and other nationals were killed as a result of these acts. President Bush and Cabinet officials indicated that Osama Bin Laden was the prime suspect and that they considered the United States in a state of war with international terrorism. In the aftermath of the attacks, the United States formed the Global Coalition Against Terrorism.

*Significant Terrorist Incidents, 1961-2001: A Chronology, U.S. State Department*

**A**ccording to the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT,) terrorism is defined by the nature of the act—violence, generally against civilians, intended to produce fear, alarm, and intimidation—not by the identity of the perpetrators or the nature of the cause." Terrorism can and does happen anywhere. These statistics reveal the global reach and indiscriminate nature of terrorist attacks.

**11,000** Number of terrorist incidents worldwide in 2005

**40,000** Total number of persons (in more than 80 countries) killed or injured by terrorists in 2005

**10,000+** Estimated number of Muslims killed or injured by terrorists in 2005

**35,000** Number of individuals kidnapped by terrorists in 2005

**1,000** Number of children killed or wounded by terrorists in 2005

**420** Combined number of clergy/religious workers, teachers, and journalists killed or injured by terrorists in 2005

**90+** Number of countries from which those killed on September 11, 2001 originated (U.S. Department of State)

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## Video tapes available at the American Resource Center

### **171 Frontline: Inside the Terrorist Network** *55 minutes, produced in 2002*

This documentary explores the factors that motivated those men who carried out the attacks on America on September 11th. It traces their movements across four continents, follows clues they left behind, and links their direct connection to bin Laden's terror network. How could these conspirators have plotted for years and gone basically undetected?

Former New York Times Washington Bureau Chief, Hedrick Smith, connects the dots through interviews with their friends, teachers, classmates, and acquaintances. In a documentary/dramatic fashion we experience their final hours and their final minutes. Hedrick Smith's closing words capture the underlying tone of this documentary: *"The enduring shock of September 11 is that we did not understand the world we live in... understand that young men with bright futures would burn with such hatred, that they would die to destroy us. They succeeded by commitment and cunning, we failed of complacency and poor imagination. They caught us by surprise because we did not dream that this could happen here. Part of what lies buried beneath the ashes at Ground Zero are America's delusions."*

### **172 Searching for the Roots of 9/11 with Thomas Friedman** *50 minutes, produced in 2003*

Thomas L. Friedman, three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist, tries to answer two of the most puzzling questions to come out of 9/11: What drove young, middle-class Muslim men to give up their lives to murder almost 3,000 people?

And – perhaps more importantly – why does their violent act elicit so much support from millions of ordinary Muslims throughout the world? He searches out the answers in the Middle East where the contradictory feelings of so many Muslims are laid bare: admiration for America's freedom and standard of living, combined with anger for what they see as arrogant behavior in that part of the world.

Friedman travels to Indonesia and Qatar where Muslim students bristle at the notion of increased U.S. support for Israeli violence against Palestinians, and yet they express their eagerness to enroll in American universities. Friedman, who has 25 years' experience reporting on the Muslim world, appears on Al Jazeera television debating a radical Palestinian. He then takes viewers on a walk through the streets of the very same Cairo neighborhood that produced Mohammad Atta – the leader of the September 11 attacks. Friedman then turns to a different path – to one where change is afoot. In the tiny Arab nation of Bahrain where a free, parliamentary election is underway, he meets the editors of an independent newspaper that's free from government censorship.

Friedman's investigative work reveals that there is a true and undeniable yearning for freedom in the Muslim world. He then raises the question: Could it be that the most profound effects of 9/11 will be felt – not in America – but in the Middle East, where the shock waves released since those two towers went down have jump started an urgent conversation about reconciling Islam with democracy?

**176 Frontline: Trail of a Terrorist**

*55 minutes, produced in 2002*

On Dec. 14, 1999, a 32-year-old Algerian named Ahmed Ressay was detained at the U.S./Canadian border when an alert customs agent became suspicious of Ressay's hesitant answers to her questions. When the trunk of his car was opened, agents discovered a powerful bomb and a plot for a millennium attack on America. Ressay said nothing at his trial but, facing 130 years in prison, decided to testify against an accomplice. His chilling testimony reveals his motives, his methods, and his connection to an Algerian terrorist group that had already carried out bombings in Europe. Ressay described his training at the Osama bin Laden camps in Afghanistan, where he became skilled in urban warfare, sabotage, and covert operations.

**177 Clear and Present Danger: The Evolution of Modern Terrorism**

*54 minutes, produced in 2002*

An encyclopedic examination of modern terrorism, beginning with its roots, its historical evolution to the present, unveiling the organizational structure of terrorist groups today. The program investigates the global war against terrorism, revealing the inner workings of intelligence and government agencies. It examines various deterrence mechanisms, border and immigration safeguards, monetary controls, and the measures that can be undertaken to curtail terrorist groups and heal the wounds that have ripped our world apart.

For a listing of Internet resources for roots of terrorism and remembering 9/11, please log on to [www.usembassy.fi/arc/spotlight\\_911.htm](http://www.usembassy.fi/arc/spotlight_911.htm)



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